

House File 207 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to school district transportation costs by
2 providing supplementary weighting for transported pupils
3 in certain school districts and including applicability
4 provisions.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.11, Code 2013, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 7A. *School district per pupil transportation*
4 *cost.*

5 a. In order to provide additional funds for school districts
6 with district transportation costs per pupil in excess of
7 the state average transportation costs per pupil, as those
8 amounts are determined under section 257.31, subsection 17,
9 a supplementary weighting plan for determining enrollment is
10 adopted.

11 b. A supplementary weighting amount per pupil as determined
12 under paragraph "c" shall be assigned to each transported pupil
13 of a school district that meets the requirement of paragraph
14 "a".

15 c. The department of management shall calculate a
16 supplementary weighting amount per pupil for each school
17 district meeting the requirement of paragraph "a" to generate
18 an amount for the school district equal to the number of
19 transported pupils in the district multiplied by the difference
20 between the district transportation costs per pupil and the
21 state average transportation cost per pupil.

22 d. Eligibility for supplementary weighting under this
23 subsection shall not affect a school district's eligibility for
24 transportation assistance under section 257.31, subsection 17.

25 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to school budget
26 years beginning on or after July 1, 2014.

27 EXPLANATION

28 This bill establishes a supplementary weighting plan for
29 those school districts with district transportation costs per
30 pupil in excess of the state average transportation costs
31 per pupil. The bill requires the department of management
32 to calculate a supplementary weighting amount per pupil for
33 each school district meeting such a requirement to generate
34 an amount for the school district equal to the number of
35 transported pupils in the district multiplied by the difference

1 between the district transportation costs per pupil and the
2 state average transportation cost per pupil.

3 The bill provides that eligibility for supplementary
4 weighting under the bill does not affect a school district's
5 eligibility for transportation assistance from the school
6 budget review committee under Code section 257.31(17).

7 The bill applies to school budget years beginning on or after
8 July 1, 2014.